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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC.,

Defendant.

In re

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al.,

Debtors.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against
Chapter 11

Case No. 08-13555 (SCC)

Adv. Pro. No.

SECOND AMENDED ADVERSARY COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>"), the Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "<u>Plan</u>"), for its Complaint against Defendant Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc. ("<u>Defendant</u>") alleges upon knowledge as to itself and its own conduct, and upon information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

- 1. In this action, LBHI seeks to enforce its right to contractual indemnification for liabilities, losses, damages, claims, judgments and any other costs, fees and expenses LBHI incurred as a result of Defendant's sale and/or submission of defective mortgage loans in breach of Defendant's representations, warranties, obligations, and/or covenants and/or for which LBHI incurred liability due to Defendant's acts, failures to act and/or omissions (the "Defective Loans").
- 2. LBHI sold the Defective Loans to the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and/or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") under agreements that included representations and warranties about the Defective Loans that were coextensive with those made by Defendant. LBHI retained the right to seek indemnification from Defendant in the event it became liable for certain indemnification events. After Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac discovered that the mortgage loans breached certain of those representations and warranties, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac made claims upon LBHI for losses suffered on the Defective Loans. In January and February 2014, respectively, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") approved settlements between (i) LBHI and Fannie Mae (ECF No. 42153), and (ii) LBHI and Freddie Mac

(ECF No. 42754), triggering LBHI's indemnification claims under the Agreements, as defined below, with Defendant.

3. By this action, LBHI seeks to recover money damages from Defendant for the indemnification claims.

PARTIES

- 4. On September 15, 2008, Plaintiff LBHI commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. LBHI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York, New York.
 - 5. Defendant is organized in and does business within the United States.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This adversary proceeding is commenced pursuant to Rules 7001 and 7003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").
- 7. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 as the matter has a close nexus with the Plan, which was confirmed by Order of the Bankruptcy Court, dated December 6, 2011 (the "Confirmation Order"), and became effective on March 6, 2012. The Court has retained post-confirmation jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 14.1 of the Plan and paragraph 77 of the Confirmation Order.
 - 8. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a), 1408, and 1409.
- 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant under Rule 7004(f) of the Bankruptcy Rules. In addition, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant is organized in and does business within the United States, and because the transactions giving rise to this controversy occurred in the United States.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 10. At all relevant times, LBHI engaged in the purchase and sale of mortgage loans directly or through affiliates, including Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB ("LBB"), then sold the loans to third parties, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 11. At all relevant times, Defendant engaged in mortgage origination, as well as the sale of mortgage loans on the secondary market to entities such as LBB and LBHI.

A. The Governing Agreements

- 12. This dispute arises out of Defendant's sale of residential mortgage loans to LBHI's assignor, LBB, under one or more Flow Mortgage Loan Purchase and Warranties Agreements with LBB, including as amended (each a "Flow Agreement"). ¹
- 13. The residential mortgage loans were also sold under the terms and conditions of the related Purchase Price and Terms Letter by and between LBB and the Defendant (each a "<u>Purchase Letter</u>" and together with the Flow Agreement[s], the "<u>Agreements</u>"), as contemplated in the related Flow Agreement[s].
- 14. The dates of the relevant Flow Agreement[s] and related Purchase Letter[s] are listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 15. The Flow Agreement[s] incorporate[s] the terms and conditions of Defendant's own underwriting guidelines identified on the related Purchase Letter[s].
- 16. The Agreements set forth the duties and obligations of the parties with respect to the purchase and sale of mortgage loans, including but not limited to purchase price, delivery, and conveyance of the mortgage loans and mortgage loan documents.

¹ The operative Flow Agreement for each of the Defective Loans is the version in effect at the time the Defendant sold the loan to LBB. Although the language of certain sections referenced throughout this Complaint may vary slightly from Flow Agreement to Flow Agreement, it is generally consistent in all material respects.

- 17. The Agreements also set forth Defendant's duties and obligations regarding underwriting; representations and warranties concerning the parties and individual mortgage loans purchased, sold or submitted; and Defendant's indemnification obligations.
- 18. Pursuant to the Agreements, Defendant sold Defective Loans to LBB that resulted in LBHI being exposed to and incurring liability, as described further below.
- 19. The parties agreed that Defendant's obligations would extend to subsequent purchasers and/or assignees, such as, in this case, LBHI. The Flow Agreement[s] define[s] "Purchaser" as LBB and, among other things, its "successor in interest or assigns." Flow Agreement at Section 1.
- 20. The Flow Agreement[s] also provide[s] that the agreement is for the benefit of, and enforceable by, the Purchaser and its "successors and assigns." *See e.g.*, Flow Agreement at Section 21 ("Successor and Assigns; Assignment of Purchase Agreement") ("This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Seller and the Purchaser and the respective successors and assigns of the Seller and the Purchaser. . . . The Purchaser may assign all of its rights under this Agreement with respect to any Mortgage Loans to any affiliate of the Purchaser.").
- 21. Further, the Purchase Letter[s] provide[s] that "[t]he Purchaser has the right to assign all of its rights under the Purchase Price and Terms Letter, the Agreement, and/or any of the Mortgage Loans purchased under the Agreement to any affiliate of the Purchaser or third party."²

² Although the language of certain provisions referenced in this Complaint may vary slightly from Purchase Letter to Purchaser Letter, it is generally consistent in all material respects.

22. In conjunction with the sale by LBB to LBHI of the Defective Loans, LBB assigned to LBHI all of its rights and remedies under the Agreements pertaining to the Defective Loans.

B. <u>Defendant's Representations Under the Flow Agreement[s]</u>

- 23. Accordingly, LBHI as, among other things, the "assignee" of the Flow Agreement[s], is entitled to all of the benefits of the Flow Agreement[s], including the right to contractual indemnification.
- 24. With respect to the loans sold to LBHI (as, among other things, LBB's assignee) under the Flow Agreement[s], Defendant made a number of representations, warranties, and covenants concerning the quality, characteristics, and underwriting of the mortgage loans; the property securing the mortgage loans; and the borrowers.
- 25. Specific examples of Defendant's representations, warranties and covenants concerning the quality of the mortgage loans include, but are not limited to the following:

Mortgage Loans as Described. The information set forth in the related Mortgage Loan Schedule is complete, true and correct. Flow Agreement § 7(a).

Compliance with Applicable Laws. Each Mortgage Loan at the time it was made complied in all material respects with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including, but not limited to all applicable predatory and abusive lending laws and any and all requirements of any federal, state or local law (including, without limitation, usury, truth-in-lending, real estate settlement procedures, consumer credit protection, equal credit opportunity, disclosure laws, all applicable predatory and abusive lending laws or unfair and deceptive practices laws) applicable to the Mortgage Loan have been complied with, and the Seller shall maintain in its possession, available for the Purchaser's inspection, and shall deliver to the Purchaser on the Transfer Date, evidence of compliance with all such requirements. Flow Agreement § 7(g).

<u>Validity of Mortgage Documents</u>. The Mortgage Note and the Mortgage are genuine, and each is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the maker thereof enforceable in accordance with its

terms. All parties to the Mortgage Note and the Mortgage and any other related agreement had legal capacity to enter into the Mortgage Loan and to execute and deliver the Mortgage Note and the Mortgage and any other related agreement, and the Mortgage Note and the Mortgage and any other related agreement have been duly and properly executed by such parties. The documents, instruments and agreements submitted for loan underwriting were not falsified and contain no untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the information and statements therein not misleading. No fraud was committed in connection with the origination of the Mortgage Loan. The Seller has reviewed all of the documents constituting the Servicing File and has made such inquiries as it deems necessary to make and confirm the accuracy of the representations set forth herein. Flow Agreement § 7(k).

No Defaults. There is no default, breach, violation or event of acceleration existing under the Mortgage or the Mortgage Note and no event which, with the passage of time or with notice and the expiration of any grace or cure period, would constitute a default, breach, violation or event of acceleration, and neither the Seller nor its predecessors have waived any default, breach, violation or event of acceleration. With respect to each Second Lien Mortgage Loan, (i) the prior mortgage is in full force and effect, (ii) there is no default, breach, violation or event of acceleration existing under such prior mortgage or the related mortgage note, (iii) no event which, with the passage of time or with notice and the expiration of any grace or cure period, would constitute a default, breach, violation or event of acceleration thereunder, and either (A) the prior mortgage contains a provision which allows or (B) applicable law requires, the mortgagee under the Second Lien Mortgage Loan to receive notice of, and affords such mortgagee an opportunity to cure any default by payment in full or otherwise under the prior mortgage. Flow Agreement § 7(q).

<u>Conformance with Underwriting Guidelines</u>. The Mortgage Loan was underwritten in accordance with the related Seller's Underwriting Guidelines. The Mortgage Note and Mortgage are on forms acceptable to Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae. Flow Agreement § 7(v).

Acceptable Investment. The Seller has no knowledge of any circumstances or conditions with respect to the Mortgage, the Mortgaged Property, the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's credit standing that can reasonably be expected to cause private institutional investors to regard the Mortgage Loan as an unacceptable investment, cause the Mortgage Loan to become

delinquent, or adversely affect the value or marketability of the Mortgage Loan. Flow Agreement $\S 7(z)$.

<u>Delivery of Mortgage Documents</u>. The Mortgage Note, the Mortgage, the Assignment of Mortgage and any other documents required to be delivered by the Seller under this Agreement have been delivered to the Purchaser or the Custodian. The Seller is in possession of a complete, true and accurate Mortgage File in compliance with Exhibit B, except for such documents the originals of which have been delivered to the Purchaser or the Custodian. Flow Agreement § 7(aa).

No Denial of Insurance. The Seller has caused or will cause to be performed any and all acts required to preserve the rights and remedies of the Purchaser in any insurance policies applicable to the Mortgage Loans including, without limitation, any necessary notifications of insurers, assignments of policies or interests therein, and establishments of coinsured, joint loss payee and mortgagee rights in favor of the Purchaser. No action, inaction, or event has occurred and no state of fact exists or has existed that has resulted or will result in the exclusion from, denial of, or defense to coverage under any applicable pool insurance policy, special hazard insurance policy, PMI Policy or bankruptcy bond, irrespective of the cause of such failure of coverage. In connection with the placement of any such insurance, no commission, fee, or other compensation has been or will be received by the Seller or any designee of the Seller or any corporation in which the Seller or any officer, director, or employee had a financial interest at the time of placement of such insurance. Flow Agreement § 7(mm).

Origination. No error, omission, misrepresentation, negligence, fraud or similar occurrence with respect to a Mortgage Loan has taken place on the part of any person including without limitation the Mortgagor, any appraiser, any builder or developer, or any other party involved in the origination of the Mortgage Loan or, in the application of any insurance in relation to such Mortgage Loan; no predatory or deceptive lending practices, including, without limitation, the extension of credit without regard to the ability of the Mortgagor to repay and the extension of credit which has no apparent benefit to the Mortgagor, were employed in the origination of the Mortgage Loan. Flow Agreement § 7(yy).

26. Defendant made additional representations, warranties, and covenants concerning the quality, characteristics, and underwriting of the mortgage loans; the property securing the mortgage loans; and/or the borrowers under the related Purchase Letter[s].

27. Defendant represented and/or warranted that it had the ability to perform its obligations under, and satisfy all requirements of, the Flow Agreement[s]:

Ability to Perform. The Seller does not believe, nor does it have any reason or cause to believe, that it cannot perform each and every covenant contained in this Agreement. The Seller is solvent and the sale of the Mortgage Loans will not cause the Seller to become insolvent. The sale of the Mortgage Loans is not undertaken with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of the Seller's creditors. Flow Agreement § 6(d).

28. LBHI (as, among other things, LBB's assignee) relied upon the representations and warranties contained in the Flow Agreement[s] in purchasing the Defective Loans.

C. <u>Defendant's Indemnification Obligation Under the Flow Agreement[s]</u>

29. Defendant agreed to indemnify LBHI (as, among other things, LBB's assignee) from liabilities, claims, judgments, losses and expenses it might sustain as a result of the Defective Loans, including attorneys' fees. For example, Section 9 of the Flow Agreement[s], entitled "Indemnification," provides as follows:

The Seller agrees to indemnify the Purchaser and hold it harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, penalties, fines, forfeitures, legal fees and related costs, judgments, and any other costs, fees and expenses that the Purchaser may sustain in any way related to (i) any act or omission on the part of the Seller or any other person or entity in the origination, receiving, processing, funding or servicing any Mortgage Loan prior to the related Transfer Date or otherwise arising from the transfer of servicing of the Mortgage Loans provided for in this Agreement, (ii) any assertion based on, grounded upon resulting from a Breach of any of the Seller's representations and warranties contained herein, (iii) the Seller's inability to effect or cause the transfer of the servicing to a successor servicer and (iv) the failure of the Seller to perform in any way its duties and service the Mortgage Loans in strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement or the Flow Interim Servicing Agreement....

D. LBHI's Settlements With Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

- 30. When LBB acquired loans from Defendant and others, it typically did not hold those loans on its books. The loans it acquired from Defendant and other entities, including the Defective Loans, were sold to LBHI, and then sold to other industry participants, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 31. When LBHI sold the Defective Loans to Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac, it relied on information provided to LBB by Defendant, and it made representations and warranties to Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac based, in part, on the representations Defendant made to LBB.
- 32. Eventually, Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac discovered breaches of representations, warranties and/or covenants in the Defective Loans.
- 33. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac filed proofs of claim in LBHI's bankruptcy proceeding to recover for losses on the Defective Loans and other loans sold to LBB.
- 34. Many of the loans at issue in the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac proofs of claims, and all of the Defective Loans, contained defects which caused LBHI to incur losses, judgments, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, and liability to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 35. LBHI was forced to defend against and eventually settle with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- 36. The Bankruptcy Court approved LBHI's settlements with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, including loan-level damages amounts for each Defective Loan (as shown in Exhibit A of each settlement agreement), finding the settlements to be "reasonable and appropriate."
- 37. The types of defects which caused LBHI to incur expenses, costs, losses, judgments, attorneys' fees, and liability to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, include but are not limited to defects concerning the quality and characteristics of the loans, the creditworthiness of

the borrowers, and the value and characteristics of the collateral, such as with respect to the income, employment, assets, and debt obligations of the borrowers, the intended and actual occupancy status of the properties, the appraised value of the properties and compliance with appraisal standards, among other things; defects concerning underwriting and the collection and review of the loan application and supporting documentation; and defects concerning origination practices generally, including compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, decrees, pronouncements, directives, orders and guidelines.

- 38. As it concerns Defendant specifically, Exhibit B attached hereto identifies each of the Defective Loans, and provides a non-exclusive list of the defects causing LBHI to incur liability, expenses, losses, judgments, attorneys' fees, and other costs for each Defective Loan.

 A general description of the defects identified in Exhibit B is included in Exhibit C attached hereto.
- 39. The liability incurred by LBHI to Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac was the result of Defendant's acts, failures, omissions, and breaches of its representations, warranties, obligations, and/or covenants, which representations, warranties, obligations, and/or covenants are co-extensive with the representations and warranties LBHI made to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

E. <u>Defendant's Obligation to Indemnify LBHI</u>

- 40. Defendant agreed to indemnify LBHI (as, among other things, LBB's assignee) from liabilities, claims, judgments, losses, attorneys' fees, and expenses it might sustain as a result of the Defective Loans. *See* Flow Agreement § 9.
- 41. LBHI has demanded that Defendant indemnify LBHI, which demands have been refused by Defendant.

- 42. Defendant's failure and refusal to indemnify LBHI for LBHI's liability to Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac constitute breaches of Defendant's contractual indemnification obligations.
 - 43. Pursuant to the Agreements, the laws of the State of New York govern this action.
- 44. All conditions precedent to bringing this action have been met, occurred or have been waived.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Contractual Indemnification)

- 45. LBHI hereby incorporates by reference the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
- 46. The Agreements are valid and enforceable contracts that are binding upon Defendant.
- 47. LBHI and/or LBB have substantially performed all of their obligations under the Agreements.
- 48. Defendant owes LBHI indemnity for its liabilities, losses, claims, attorneys' fees, judgments and any other costs, fees and expenses as to the Defective Loans.
- 49. Defendant failed to indemnify LBHI for its liabilities, losses, claims, attorneys' fees, judgments and any other costs, fees and expenses as to the Defective Loans.
- 50. Defendant's breaches of the Agreements and other acts and/or omissions as to the Defective Loans resulted in LBHI incurring liability and/or losses in an amount to be determined at trial, comprised of the settlement amount for each of the Defective Loans as identified in the court-approved Fannie Mae and/or Freddie Mac settlement agreement, plus prejudgment interest pursuant to New York law, attorney's fees, litigation costs, and all other fees and costs provided by the Agreements.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, LBHI respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against Defendant:

- a) For all damages arising from or relating to Defendant's obligations under the indemnification provisions of the Agreements, in an amount to be determined at trial;
 - b) For recoverable interest;
- c) For the costs and expenses incurred by LBHI in enforcing Defendant's obligations under the Agreements, including attorneys' fees and costs and any expert witness fees incurred in litigation; and
 - d) Providing for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: December 29, 2016

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